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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **Ex parte filing** in WC Docket Nos. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 24, 2013, Elizabeth Pierce, CEO for Quintillion Networks, LLC and the undersigned met with Nick Degani, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Pai and Jacob Husain.

The balance of our discussion was spent providing information on a privately financed 32 Terabyte undersea fiber being constructed between the financial markets in the Far East and Europe by Arctic Fibre, with a completion date of 2015. It will pass offshore along the Seward Peninsula and the Northwest Arctic and North Slope Boroughs of Alaska and Quintillion Networks has exclusive rights to build fiber spurs into Alaska. Four of ASTAC's nine exchanges will immediately benefit from these landings which will provide a minimum of 100 Gb capacity per landing. This fiber holds the promise to finally bringing true broadband to much of Alaska, creating middle mile competition which will lower the amount of support needed, not only for the High Cost Fund, but also Schools and Libraries and Rural Healthcare and puts support for rural Alaska on a sustainable, lower cost path.

As required by the Commission's rules, this ex parte record is now filed in the above referenced dockets. If there are any questions, please call me at 907-563-3989.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Stephen Merriam, CEO
Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc.

Copy to:
Nick Degani
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Elizabeth Pierce, Quintillion Networks, LLC

Attachment: Fueling Sustainable Broadband Solutions – Middle Mile Development Can Reduce USF Subsidies & Drive Competition in Alaska